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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This paper is submitted in response to a pending Office Action, Paper No. 8, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 28, 2001. Please make the following amendment, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claim 28.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 24-27 are allowed. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,181,717 to Donntag et al. Claim 28 is cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, claims 1-12 and 24-27 are currently pending in this application.